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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Agenda for Tuesday Lunch 6/29

There are a number of special issues which need brief discussion in order to have your guidance clearly understood, and it may save you time to list them this evening.

1. Vietnam

a. We should have a preliminary discussion of the contingency planning which you directed last week. The papers are in very rough draft and we have not had a chance to discuss them below your level, but I think you will want to hear briefly what is being done. I think Bob McNamara will also have a new Rolling Thunder program, and will wish to discuss contingency planning in the event of an outrage against leading Americans in Vietnam.

b. I have told Cabot Lodge that you do not expect to make the change in Saigon immediately, but that it will probably come before the end of August. I have told him that as far as I know, there is no change in your own desire to have him. He seemed a little disappointed but cheerful. He says that he knows General Ky and that it might have been a good thing to begin right away with Ky. He plans a brief European holiday with a couple of his grandchildren but will be available on short notice when needed.

In the light of some Congressional reservations about Lodge, I wonder if he is still definitely the man you want. If not, you may want to ask us to review the possibilities again.

2. Disarmament

In accordance with your instructions of last week, I have arranged for a full review of this subject by ACDA, which will make proposals in due course. These proposals will be reviewed by appropriate agencies, and the proposals and the comments will come forward to you thereafter. You will thus have

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a free judgment. Dean Rusk (and I think Bob McNamara as well) will reserve their own position in order to be free to advice you privately and to support your decision when the time comes.

4. Walt Rostow has made the intelligent suggestion that we might wish to follow up on the economic paragraphis of your UN speech, and has suggested an NSAM to get the town moving on this. His draft memorandum is attached at Tab A. In a sense it is an economic parallel to the disarmament memorandum I have already sent out and reserves freedom of action to you.
But in another sense it does give a promise of action on these matters, and I do not want to send it out unless you want this kind of sustained pressure applied.

8. At Tab B I attach a proposal from Dean Rusk which has just come in for a modification of policy on travel of Americans to Red China.

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